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A PLURALITY OF MEDICAL WORK AREAS
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-15073A dated January 18, 2002, together with English Language Abstract;

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The reference listed above was cited in an Official Action dated October 21, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). Please note that the other references cited in the Office Action, namely, JP 2002-236859A published August 23, 2002, JP 05-197768A published August 6, 1993 and JP 2002-304584 published October 18, 2002 were previously submitted in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated March 12, 2004. The references have been described in the Office Action.

Also, please find enclosed herewith an Australian Office Action dated October 15, 2008 in which the references cited therein were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with the above application.

Further, the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

Applicant also authorizes Deposit Account No. 19-1013 to be charged the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17 (p).

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